

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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The paragraph beginning on page 1, line 25, please make the changes noted blow:

The above object is achieved by

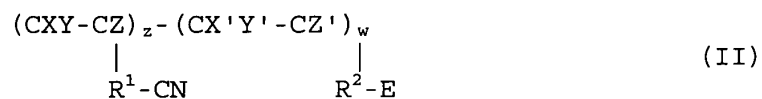
a method for curing a fluorine-containing polymer having a structure of the formula:



wherein X, Y and Z represent independently from each other a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom or an iodine atom, provided that at least one of X, Y and Z is a fluorine atom; R represents a straight or branched fluorinated alkylene group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms which may contain an oxygen atom; x and y represent mole percentages and x is from 1 to 100 % by mole; A is -CN, -NCO, -COOR' in which R' is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an acid anhydride group or an unsaturated hydrocarbon group; and M is a repeating unit derived from a copolymerizable monomer comprising treating said polymer with at least one compound selected from the group consisting of ammonia, diamines and polyol compounds

and crosslinking said polymer through the side functional groups of said polymer, and

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wherein X, Y, Z, X', Y' and Z' represent independently from each other a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom or an iodine atom, provided that at least one of X, Y and Z is a fluorine atom; R¹ and R² represent independently each other a straight or branched fluorinated alkylene group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms which may contain an oxygen atom; z and w represent mole percentages and z is from 1 to 100 % by mole; and E is an organic group other than -CN comprising curing said polymer in the presence of a base.

The paragraph beginning on page 3, line 20, please make the changes noted blow:

Preferred examples of the fluorinated alkylene group represented by R include -[CF₂OCF(CF₃)]_a-, -(CF₂OCF₂CF₃)_a- wherein a is a number of 1 to 4, -(CF₂)_b- wherein b is a number of 1 to 20, etc.